

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image data outputting apparatus comprising:  
a memory storing image data;  
an output unit outputting the image data stored in said memory;  
a control unit controlling operation of said output unit;  
5 a password store unit storing a password corresponding to the image data; and

an input unit for entering information, wherein  
when said control unit receives a re-output instruction, after certain  
image data stored in said memory is output, to cause said output unit to  
10 output said certain image data again,

said control unit operates in a first mode, before a predetermined  
time passes from output of said certain image data, to cause said output unit  
to output said certain image data again in response to reception of said re-  
output instruction, and

15 said control unit operates in a second mode, after said  
predetermined time passes from output of said certain image data, to cause  
said output unit to output said certain image data again on condition that a  
password is entered in said input unit that is stored in said password store  
unit and corresponds to said certain image data.

2. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising a password determination unit providing said password.

3. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein  
said password is set by an operator.

4. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising a key for instructing that certain image data stored in  
said memory should be output again.

5. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 4,  
wherein  
said key is a touch panel.

6. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising a display unit displaying information, wherein  
when said control unit operates in said second mode, said control  
unit causes said display unit to display information to urge that said  
password should be entered.

7. An image data outputting apparatus comprising:  
a memory storing image data;  
an output unit outputting the image data stored in said memory;  
a control unit controlling operation of said output unit;  
a password store unit storing a password corresponding to the image  
data;  
an input unit for entering information; and  
an operator detection unit detecting presence/absence of an operator,  
wherein

when said control unit receives a re-output instruction, after certain  
image data stored in said memory is output, to cause said output unit to  
output said certain image data again,

said control unit operates in a first mode, when said operator  
detection unit keeps detecting presence of an operator after output of said  
certain image data, to cause said output unit to output said certain image  
data again in response to reception of said re-output instruction, and

said control unit operates in a second mode, when said operator  
detection unit detects absence of an operator after output of said certain  
image data, to cause said output unit to output said certain image data  
again on condition that a password is entered in said input unit that is  
stored in said password store unit and corresponds to said certain image  
data.

8. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a password determination unit providing said password.

9. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 7, wherein  
said password is set by an operator.

10. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a key for instructing that certain image data stored in said memory should be output again.

11. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 10, wherein  
said key is a touch panel.

12. The image data outputting apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a display unit displaying information, wherein  
when said control unit operates in said second mode, said control unit causes said display unit to display information to urge that said  
password should be entered.

13. A method of outputting image data stored in a memory, comprising the steps of:

when a re-output instruction is received, after certain image data stored in said memory is output, to output said certain image data again,

outputting said certain image data again, before a predetermined time passes from output of said certain image data, in response to reception of said re-output instruction; and

outputting said certain image data again, after said predetermined time passes from output of said certain image data, on condition that a password corresponding to said certain image data is entered.

14. The method of outputting image data according to claim 13,

wherein

said password is provided by an apparatus outputting said image data.

15. The method of outputting image data according to claim 13, wherein

said password is set by an operator.

16. A method of outputting image data stored in a memory, comprising the steps of:

when a re-output instruction is received, after certain image data stored in said memory is output, to output said certain image data again,

5 outputting said certain image data again in response to reception of said re-output instruction when presence of an operator is kept detected after output of said certain image data; and

10 outputting said certain image data again on condition that a password corresponding to said certain image data is entered when absence of an operator is detected after output of said certain image data.

17. The method of outputting image data according to claim 16, wherein

said password is provided by an apparatus outputting said image data.

18. The method of outputting image data according to claim 16, wherein

said password is set by an operator.